

# Flying Figtree

Term 2, Week 2

## IMPORTANT NEWS

- NAPLAN is next week for students in Years 3 and 5.
- Payment Tracker will accompany today's newsletter, please check for it.
- P&C Meeting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May.



## superstars

Congratulations to the following **Bronze** Superstar students:

Brooke Baird, Tebra Maulaie, Tamara Bridge, Olivia Burnes, Emma Kirkland, Pearce Anagnostopoulos, Asha Andrews, Kiara Gollop, Stella Anagnostopoulos, Kelsie Frankham, Clay Baldock, Noah McNally, Noah Tully, Emily Rutledge, Brannon Ware, River Meredith, Jaiden Kerr, Colin Zhou, Putri Azhar, Karina Hunt & Asher Percival.

Congratulations to the following **Silver** Superstar students:

Zoe Lovegrove, James Buxton, Kasey Reh, Charley Le Clerc & Abigail Jones.

We will see you on Wednesday at the morning assembly!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

Stefen Anagnostopoulos, Angelina Petrovska & Caiden McPherson.

## Term Planner

| Term 2                                 |   |
|--|---|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May                   | NAPLAN – Writing & Language Conventions                         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May                   | NAPLAN – Reading Stage 2 parent Night 5pm                       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May                   | NAPLAN - Numeracy   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Athletics Coaching for Stage 1 & 2                              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> May | Education Week  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May                   | District Cross Country<br>P&C Meeting                           |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Girls Soccer Knock Out  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Walk Safely to School Day<br>Athletics Coaching for Stage 1 & 2 |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> May | Junior Band Camp  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Debate Comp at school   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> May                   | National Sorry Day  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Athletics Coaching for Stage 1 & 2                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June                   | 3/4F Assembly   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June                   | 5/6N Assembly   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July                  | School Athletics Carnival                                       |

**Are you up to date with what is happening at our school?**

Do you have our school app?  
Have you liked our Figtree Heights Public School 'LIKE' Facebook page?



# From the desk of the Principal

## Take a look at our new HIVE Furniture!



### What is Due and When?

| What                                   | When                                |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Fairest of Them All performance s/s    | Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| 5/6 Camp notes and money s/s           | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Stage 2 Classroom Costs for Term 1 s/s | OVERDUE                             |
| Reading Eggs s/s                       | OVERDUE                             |
| Maths Online s/s                       | OVERDUE                             |

Please note:

S/S= selected students only

## Head Lice

A case of head lice has been reported in the school, please check your children's hair.

Information on treatment - can be obtained from

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice>

## Winter Uniform Change Over

The gorgeous weather is still upon us and therefore we will be extending the winter uniform change over for at least one more week. The mornings have been cooler and there are an increasing number of children who are choosing to wear winter uniform, however as the day progresses it is becoming quite warm. Please stay tuned to the school newsletter for an update on this uniform changeover period.

## Payment Tracker

Accompanying today's newsletter is a payment tracker for your child/ren for Term 2. This tracker has been created on a stage base as there is a difference in what will be happening in each stage over the term. The idea behind this tracker is to give parents ample notice of events and due dates to ensure payment can be made on time. It will also allow parents to make one lump sum payment, either by cash or POP, ensuring an efficient system for parents. Please note, extra-curricular activities (Band, Vocal group etc) that do not involve all students in the stage will not be included on this form. However, there is room left on the bottom of the form for you to add this in if required for your individual child.

Please read the accompanying note for more information on this payment tracker. We understand this is a new initiative and it will be a trial. If you have feedback, positive or constructive, please forward this to the office.

## Occupational Therapy (OT)

As part of FHPS Gonski funding we have employed the services of a local Occupational Therapist to take staff through some professional development on aspects such as sensory processing, developmental milestones and how our learning environment and teaching methods can enhance these elements. One of the next stages of our plan is to have this OT accompany teachers into our classrooms to have a look at how the current environments we have created for our children can be further improved to even better support our students. **Before** this happens, a note will be sent home for parents to withdraw their child from the classroom when the OT comes in to observe the setting.

# From the desk of the Principal

## Reports

Report time is almost here. Over the past few months the staff have been working on a way to make our reports more parent-friendly, but at the same time give parents an accurate snapshot of how your child is progressing in their learning. We are very excited with our new format and are looking forward to hearing feedback from our parent community. Reports are scheduled to go home in week 9.

## Mrs Hayward's Leave

I will again be on leave for a couple of weeks this term as it is my turn to have surgery. I hope to be back in Week 6, assuming all goes well. Mrs Thurston will be in my 'chair' until I return. If you have any questions that cannot be answered by your class teacher, please make sure you seek assistance from Mrs Thurston.

Warm regards,  
Skye Hayward  
Principal

## Take a look at our new HIVE furniture cont...



## HOW2Learn – Creating Tomorrow's Learner Part 1

### What is HOW2Learn and why is it important for my child?

**HOW2Learn is a strategy focused on building students' capacity to learn.** How2Learn stands for **Higher Order Ways To Learn** and means **going from good to GREAT**.

This is achieved by explicitly teaching dispositions and habits within the existing programs and practices at Figtree Heights Public School to develop a learning culture that enables all our learners. It helps students to develop a **clever learner's toolkit** that gives young people the skills to become:

- **Successful learners**, who enjoy learning, make connections and transfer knowledge and skills.
- **Confident Individuals** who are able to live a safe, healthy and fulfilling life.
- **Active and responsible citizens** who make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of themselves and others.
- Self-aware in their learning.
- Use the language and dispositions of successful learners.
- Share a belief that intelligence is learnable and expandable.

HOW2Learn complements the *NSW Quality Teaching Model* and draws upon a respected body of research, including much of [Guy Claxton's](#) work on *Building Learning Power* which identifies the higher order ways that enable students to be successful lifelong learners.



# P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. All parents and community members from Figtree Heights Public School are invited to attend. This meeting will be a General Meeting. **The AGM will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## What is the P&C Association

P&C stands for Parents and Citizens Association. It is a school based organisation made up of parents, teachers and interested citizens. P&C exists in every public school in NSW. They have been long recognised as the representative voice of parents with children in Public Schools. To keep parents informed with what is happening within the P&C we have a weekly P&C section in the newsletter.

Anyone can join who is interested in making a significant difference to our school. Figtree Heights Public School P&C Association Incorporated is a not-for-profit organisation which is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school. We also strongly focus on promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Membership of Figtree Heights Public School P&C Association Incorporated is open to all parents and guardians of pupils attending the school and to all citizens within the school community.

### Interesting Facts:

Figtree Heights Public School P&C Association Incorporated operates sub-committees including: OOSH, canteen, wellbeing, merit, enrolment, uniform and fundraising. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to these committees, however is not a requirement of your membership. Figtree Heights Public School P&C Association Incorporated always welcomes new members.

**FIGTREE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PARENTS & CITIZENS  
ASSOCIATION**



**P&C Federation**  
Committed to Public Education

**GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY  
6.30PM IN THE HIVE  
CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE**

*ALL PARENTS & CITIZENS WELCOME*

**SHOW YOUR COMMITMENT AND STAY INFORMED  
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!**

[WWW.FIGTREEHTS-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU/FHPS-P-C/P-C](http://WWW.FIGTREEHTS-P.SCHOOLS.NSW.EDU.AU/FHPS-P-C/P-C)

# Community News

## Canteen News

### Canteen Roster

The canteen is open on a **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** for lunch orders.

Snacks only at lunchtime on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

**Don't forget to use our canteen!**

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|------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Simone Pratt &amp; Rachael Thackray</b> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Karen Craft &amp; Russell Meredith</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Julie Jones &amp; Karen Parry</b>       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Gerty Pelekanos &amp; Brooke Kiley</b>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Belinda Monkman &amp; Alix Murphy</b>   |

## Canteen Monday Special

On each Monday in the month of May the canteen will be having Hot Cinnamon Churros available for \$0.50, add chocolate dipping sauce for \$1.00 extra.

## School Information

**Find our app:** Go to the app store and download the FHPS app.

**User name:** community

**Password:** figtreehtsps

**School Phone:** 42 286555

**School email:** [figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:figtreehts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Website:** <http://www.figtreehts-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/FigtreeHeightsPublicSchool/>

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Google play

Download on the  
App Store

**Book Club Issue 3 closes  
Sunday 15th May.**

### Scholastic Book Club Changes

**Cash or cheques will no longer be  
accepted as payment.**

This will vastly reduce the effort involved in managing Book Club and will allow for quicker delivery of books.

As of Term 2, all Book Club purchases must be done online using the Scholastic Loop Payment Portal.

If you wish to purchase books for a gift and would like the option to pick up from the School Office, there is now an option to select this when you order online.

If you have any queries or require assistance, please contact the Book Club Coordinator Rebecca Anderson on 0412469343.

# FHPS Student Star Files

## South Coast Hockey

Congratulations to Kaylen Craft from Year 5. Kaylen trialed at the end of last term for the South Coast Hockey side along with Nathanael Burns and Riley Baird. The competition was tough and only 15 students were selected.

Kaylen will now be representing our school at the NSW PSSA Championships in June. Kaylen must travel an extreme distance to these Championships as this year they are being held in Unanderra!



*Remember, if you have anything to add to these files please send it to the office by Thursday.*

## Champion in our midst

Congratulations to our very own Miss Tegan Davies! Many of you may not know but Miss Davies is an elite triathlete. Last weekend, Miss Davies competed in the Half Ironman Triathlon (70.3kms) in Port Macquarie and placed 3rd. Placing 3rd means that she has now qualified for the World Championships in this event. That's right The **WORLD Championships**. Congratulations Miss Davies, we are very proud of your achievement!



## Cross Country Champions

On Wednesday morning we held our Cross Country Champions Award Ceremony. Once again, congratulations to all our ribbon recipients. Below is a photo of our age champions and runners-up.







Figtree Heights Public School

## Figtree Heights Public School Entertainment Book Fundraiser Parent Co-ordinator: Karen Craft ph: 0431 031 581

Support Figtree Heights Public School and have the perfect gift for Mum this Mother's Day.



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**Go to: <http://www.entbook.com.au/280t297>**

The Entertainment Books (hardcopy) will arrive at school by the end of May. They will be distributed to families for their appraisal. If you don't wish to purchase a book simply return it to school. Otherwise follow the payment and registration instructions and ENJOY!

**Go to: <http://www.entbook.com.au/280t297>**

**Thank you for your kind support.**